AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-5 with the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/921,099, filed August 1, 2001, which application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/222,624, filed August 1, 2000, the entirety of which is incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 9-14 with the following paragraph:

Figure 4A is an alignment of conserved cysteines, histidines and aspartic acids of Membrane-associated DNA binding protein of the invention (MNAB, amino acid No. 9 to 58 of SEQ ID No.2), the C3HC3D RING finger in *Homo sapiens* ARD1 GTP-binding protein (Gene Bank Accession 422756; amino acid No. 26 to 80 of SEQ ID No.7), *H. sapiens* CART1 protein (Gene Bank Accession 951276, SEQ ID No.12; amino acid No. 13 to 62 of SEQ ID No.13), *H. sapiens* SBBI03 hypothetical protein (Gene Bank Accession 5032071; amino acid No. 13 to 61 of SEQ ID No:8), *Caenorhabditis elegans* cDNA EST (Gene Bank Accession 3879246; amino acid No. 130 to 182 of SEQ ID No.9), *C. elegans* hypothetical 25.8 KD protein (Gene Bank Accession 2496825; amino acid No. 150 to 199 of SEQ ID NO.10) *C. elegans* cDNA EST (Gene Bank Accession 3878739; amino acid No. 11 to 61 of SEQ ID No.11).

Please replace paragraph on page 10, between lines 16-19 with the following paragraph:

Figure 4B is an alignment of conserved cysteines and histidines of the C3H type zinc finger in Membrane-associated DNA binding protein of the invention (MNAB, amino acid No. 401 to 448 of SEQ ID No.2), *C. elegans* PIE-1 (Gene Bank U62896, SEQ ID No.14; amino acid No. 96 to 136 of SEQ ID No.15), *Drosophila melanogaster* DTIS 11 (Gene Bank U13397, SEQ ID No.16; amino acid No. 130 to 166 of SEQ ID No.17), *H. sapiens* TIS11B Buryrate response factors (EFT-Response factor) (Gene Bank ~~X79066~~ X79067, second exon, SEQ ID No.18; amino acid No. 93 to 125 of SEQ ID No.19), *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CTH1 Zinc finger protein (Gene Bank L42133, SEQ ID No.20; amino acid No. 195 to 235 of SEQ ID No.21).